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TO : Director of Training
 THRU : Chief, Operations School
 FROM : Chief, Field Training

DATE: 14 April 1959

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #14, Field Training, [REDACTED]
 Period 6 - 10 April 1959

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1. On 9 April 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] came into the office while Mr. [REDACTED] and I were talking, and in a very agitated and obviously disturbed manner, informed us that "ACC #6 would have to be cancelled or go on without him." In the next half hour, we attempted to learn the nature of Mr. [REDACTED] complaint, but apparently he has no real complaint or grievance. Rather, it appears that the pressures in teaching the course had mounted to practically a breaking point. He specifically referred to the number of holes in the walls of Bldg. 3-15, the tremendous amount of work involved in setting up the demonstrations and came back time and time again to the [REDACTED] report. From all that he said, it was obvious that this problem appears to be one related to the future of the course and a certain feeling, although unjustified on his part, that he had failed personally. We encouraged him and assured him that if there were any ways in which we could assist, that we certainly would do so. He seemed more calm after the half hour and convinced himself that the course should go on. We assured Mr. [REDACTED] that when the time came to devise a two-or-three-day package of the [REDACTED] he could count on us for all aid possible and he was further assured that we were most satisfied with his efforts and that he had done a very good job with the [REDACTED]

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2. Mr. [REDACTED] has informed me that Mr. [REDACTED] TSS/[REDACTED] has been authorized by TSS to install a special telephone with the telephone number, [REDACTED] for the purpose of maintaining contact with Mr. [REDACTED] and members of his staff. Mr. [REDACTED] has requested approval to use this telephone in order to discuss official matters requiring such contact with Mr. [REDACTED]. As we do not readily see the need for such a means of communication, we expect to talk to [REDACTED] further before making any commitment.

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3. ATB has completed the first week of flight instruction for [REDACTED]. In spite of adverse flying weather and the absence of one of the helio planes for mechanical servicing, the two pilots were given approximately ten hours transition time each, including close to fifty practice landings by commencing work at 7 o'clock in

the morning. The one aircraft was able to be utilized by both pilots so that the first week's schedule did not suffer to any great degree. According to Cdr. [REDACTED] both the pilots and the navigator have long experience and are generally very competent. In his opinion, they will be fully operationally qualified when they finish the course. 25X1A9A

25X1A6A 4. In connection with the above flight training, the DCF visited [REDACTED] on Wednesday, 8 April, for the purpose of becoming generally acquainted with the set up. He came back with favorable comments on everything he had seen though it was admittedly a small portion of the area and facilities available. The air field, except for a CAA radio station which is located there, is ideal for the type of program ATB is now engaged in. It has both concrete runways and plenty of infield for practicing landings under various conditions. The ATB staff was using the operations shack for both an office and a classroom. This was adequate for the program at hand and could be used, if necessary, for groups of up to ten students. The quarters being occupied by the students is adequate and clean but not pretentious even though Gen. Lemay is reportedly to use it as a fishing and hunting head-25X1A6A quarters. Travel time from here to [REDACTED] TK

25X1A6A [REDACTED] If you should be interested, we could make a more complete report on what is available or how useful it might be.

5. For the record:

A. OFC #17 began on Monday, 6 April, with 26 students which is one of the smallest classes on record. Additionally, both the average age and grade of the student body is somewhat below the previous runnings.

B. Also, on 6 April, ACC #6 commenced with an enrollment of 9 students.

C. CFA had one staff tutorial, Mr. [REDACTED] FE, 25X1A9A from 8 - 10 April.

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E. OC #8 was enjoying a week's "break."



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